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In re Application of:

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For: URETHANE COMPOSITION FOR SHEET TRANSPORT ROLL, AND SHEET TRANSPORT ROLL PRODUCED BY EMPLOYING THE URETHANE COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A urethane composition for preparing a sheet transport roll for use in a copying machine, the composition comprising: (A) a polyether polyol blend containing polytetramethyleneether glycol (PTMG) and polypropylene glycol (PPG) in a weight ratio of PTMG/PPG = 99/1 to 50/50; (B) a polyisocyanate; and (C) a chain lengthening agent, the urethane composition in a cured state having a hardness of not smaller than 40, and a crosslinking density of 0.15 to 0.8 mmol/cm³ or an allophanate bond concentration of 0.03 to 0.07 mmol/g.